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Substance abuse and drug diversion leads to license suspension

OLYMPIA — The license of a King County osteopathic physician has been suspended for six months due to drug diversion and substance abuse. The action by the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery and the state Department of Health means Mark A. Scott (OP00001683) cannot practice during this time.

Scott was immediately suspended in March 2011 for substance abuse and diverting controlled substances. Scott asked for a hearing to contest the charges. This order resolves Scott's requested hearing and the suspension is in addition to the time his license has been suspended.

Scott's license is suspended for six months, and conditions are in place to make sure he's able to practice with reasonable skill and safety. If Scott doesn't comply with these conditions, his license will be suspended indefinitely.

Legal documents in this case are online; click the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov) or call 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

The Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery regulates osteopathic physicians in Washington. The program establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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